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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 June 2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) 1-7 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
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	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ .

Election/Restrictions

1. Newly submitted Claims 8-15 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons:

Originally presented independent Claim 1 is directed towards a method for transmitting data between a secure computer and a plurality of input/output units via a bus controller unit that is connected to the secure computer and a serial bus system, wherein the bus control unit cyclically activates the plurality of input/output units and transmits a multi-bit message to the respective activated input/output units, the method further comprising designing at least one of the input/output units as a security unit, and including at least one checkbit in the multi-bit message transferred to the security unit and wherein the security unit interprets the transferred multi-bit message as correct only if the checkbit alternates within a predefined monitoring period.

Newly presented independent Claim 8 differs from original Claim 1 because; Claim 8 is directed towards a method for transmitting data utilizing a fail-safe computer in contrast to the secure computer in original Claim 1; newly presented Claim 8 does not contain the limitation found in Claim 1 of a bus control unit activating a plurality of input/output control units; Claim 8 contains the new limitation of the bus control unit transmitting a first address for addressing one of the plurality of input/output control units and transmitting a first multi-bit message to the input/output at that address; Claim

8 contains the new limitation that this message contain at least one load bit; Claim 8 does not contain the limitation found in Claim 1 of designing at least one input/output unit as a security unit; Claim 8 does not contain the limitation found in Claim 1 of a security unit interpreting a message as correct only if a checkbit alternates within a predefined monitoring (time) period, Claim 8 instead contains the new limitation where an addressed input/output unit may interpret a message as correct only if a checkbit contained in the message differs from a checkbit received with a previous message.

Therefore newly presented independent Claim 8 does not read on originally presented Claim 1 and is directed towards a different, non-elected invention.

2. Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

3. The amendment filed on 6-1-2004 canceling all Claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only Claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining Claims are not readable on the elected invention because for the reasons given supra.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the

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omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul E. Callahan whose telephone number is (571) 272-3869. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9 to 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Andrew Caldwell, can be reached on (571) 272-3868. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is: (703) 872-9306. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

3-15-2005

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